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## TOWN HALL SCHEDULE

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Nov. 19: Town Council meeting (7 p.m.)

Nov. 28-29: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (TOWN OFFICES CLOSED)

Meetings are in the Council Chambers in Building B at Town Hall, 900 Seventh Ave. Town Council meetings are recorded and broadcast (not live) on GTV11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).



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# GARNER UPDATE

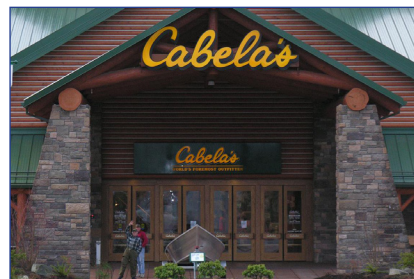
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## Cabela's Announces Plans to Locate in Garner

Cabela's, a highly regarded retailer specializing in hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, announced on Oct. 24 that it would build its first store in North Carolina here in Garner.

The store will be constructed on the northeast quadrant at the intersection of U.S. 70 and Jones Sausage Road, across from White Oak Crossing shopping center. It will be 100,000 square feet and is expected to employ 225 full-time, part-time and seasonal workers. Company officials said the store should open in spring 2015.

The store will serve as an anchor for new development at the White Oak Crossing intersection. A seven-story, 180-room Drury Inn hotel is also



The Garner Cabela's, the first in the state, will be 100,000 square feet.

expected to be built at the northeast quadrant of the intersection. The developer of the property has also said he anticipates new development in that area to include two full-service, sit-down restaurants and additional retail space.

## Town Council Incumbents Win New Four-Year Terms

Council Members Gra Singleton and Kathy Behringer were re-elected to new four-year terms in the Nov. 5 municipal election.

According to unofficial results, Council Member Singleton was the top vote-getter with 1,210 votes—36.1 percent of the total 3,349 votes cast. Council Member Behringer received 1,147 votes, or 34.2 percent of the total votes. Challenger Jeanette Hagwood received 29 percent with 972 votes.

Council Members Singleton and Behringer will take the oath of office



Gra Singleton



Kathy Behringer

for their new terms on Dec. 2.

Garner has municipal elections in odd-numbered years. The next municipal election is in 2015, when the mayor's seat and three Town Council slots will be up for grabs.



Stay informed by watching the weekly 'Garner Update' newscast on demand at [garnernc.gov](http://garnernc.gov).



## A Message from the Mayor



Watch the mayor's 'Great People in Garner' on GTV11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).

November is a time to remember and to give thanks.

Veterans Day is all about remembering the sacrifices of our veterans and giving thanks for their service. That holiday, of course, is followed by Thanksgiving.



I hope you'll join us at Aversboro Road Baptist Church on Veterans Day for Garner's annual observance

of that holiday. Make sure you get there by 10:30 a.m. to enjoy the mini-patriotic concert by the Garner Magnet High School symphonic band. They're terrific. There will also be a special keynote speaker—Steve Muro, the U.S. undersecretary for memorial affairs. I had a chance to meet him in Denver during our All-America City trip. It is an honor to have him come here to Garner to mark Veterans Day with us.

While I'm on the topic of veterans, I want to urge you to please read the news item below about the Veterans

Advisory Board. This may be your opportunity to serve your community and support local veterans.

We certainly have a great deal to be thankful for in Garner. As the Cabela's announcement indicates, the economy is picking up here, and the future looks extremely bright.

I hope you and your loved ones have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Ronnie S. Williams

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## GTV11 Sets New Broadcast Schedule for Meetings

The Town of Garner's public, educational and government channel, GTV11, has established a new permanent schedule for broadcast of its previously recorded Town Council meetings. The new schedule is as follows:

Thursdays: 1 a.m., 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Fridays: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Saturdays: 1 a.m., 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sundays: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

The most recent Town Council meeting will be aired during these times. The most recent meeting can also be viewed on demand on the homepage of [garnernc.gov](http://garnernc.gov). Older meetings can be viewed by going to [garnernc.gov/government/towncouncil.aspx](http://garnernc.gov/government/towncouncil.aspx).

GTV11 can be seen within town limits and in certain other locations outside town on Time Warner Cable channel 11 and on AT&T U-verse channel 99. The channel is not avail-

able on satellite television.

Time Warner Cable recently started broadcasting GTV11 in digital format only. To be able to view the channel in digital-only format, some Time Warner Cable customers may need to order a free digital adapter from the company. For more information, or to order a digital adapter, visit [twc.com/digitaladapter](http://twc.com/digitaladapter), or call Time Warner Cable customer service at 1-855-286-1736.

## Garner Wants You ... to Serve on Veterans Advisory Board

The Town is seeking applicants for a new Veterans Advisory Board. The board will be composed of seven at-large members, at least four of whom will be honorably discharged veterans. This board may make recommendations concerning issues related to Town policies that affect veterans and will operate as a link

between Garner residents and Town officials to explore ways to honor and recognize the service of area veterans.

Meeting dates and locations have not yet been established. For application or questions, please contact Kimberly Moffett at (919) 773-4456 or [kmoffett@garnernc.gov](mailto:kmoffett@garnernc.gov).

## Public Feedback Sought on Plan

Wake County and its municipalities are joining together to develop a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and are seeking input from the public. There will be a project kickoff meeting open to the public on Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting will be held in Raleigh at the Wake County Office Building, 337 S. Salisbury St., Room G31. The plan seeks to protect life and property by reducing the potential for future damages and economic losses from natural hazards.





## Veterans Day Service to be Held at Aversboro Road Baptist



The Town of Garner and Garner Veterans Memorial Committee will honor veterans on Monday, Nov. 11 at a Veterans Day observance at Aversboro Road Baptist Church (1600 Aversboro Road). The event begins at 10:30 a.m. with a patriotic mini-concert by the Garner Magnet High School symphonic band, followed at 11 a.m. by a program featuring keynote speaker U.S. Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs Steve Muro and the fourth- and fifth-grade chorus from Aversboro Elementary School.

# UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS



## Sweet Potato Pie Returns to GPAC for Nov. 30 Concert

The band Sweet Potato Pie returns to Garner Performing Arts Center on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. Welcome in the holidays with the highly acclaimed band known for its beautiful harmonies and creative song styling. Sweet Potato Pie will captivate you with heartfelt renditions of your favorite holiday tunes. To learn more and order tickets, visit [garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://garnerperformingartscenter.com).



You can follow GPAC on Twitter (@GPACGarner) and Facebook.



## Light Up Main Festivities Electrify Downtown Garner Dec. 6

Light Up Main livens up downtown Friday, Dec. 6 on Main Street from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy great local entertainment, food and refreshments, children's arts and crafts and the traditional tree lighting led by Mayor Ronnie Williams. The kids can enjoy visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The event is sponsored by the Town of Garner, the Garner Revitalization Association and downtown businesses. Parking is available on Pearl Street, Main Street and at the Garner Baseball Complex.



## Garner Christmas Parade Rolls Through Downtown Dec. 7

The annual Christmas Parade in downtown Garner will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, and applications are being accepted through Nov. 22 for entries in the popular parade. To find an application as well as information and guidelines, go to [THIS LINK](#). You can also go in person to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources office in building B at Town Hall and receive an application.



## Broadway Voices Season Kicks Off with Dec. 14 Show

The first Broadway Voices show of the new season is Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Garner Performing Arts Center. Dublin-born Ciarán Sheehan, an acclaimed actor and singer, will take the stage that evening. He has many professional accomplishments to his credit, most notably playing the role of The Phantom in "The Phantom of The Opera" for over 1,000 performances on Broadway and in Toronto. To learn more and order tickets, visit [garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://garnerperformingartscenter.com).





# Time Running Out to Register for Audition

Mark your calendar – Garner Showcase of Talent auditions are Nov. 14 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Start practicing now, and you can get your start at Garner Performing Arts Center just like Scotty McCreery. The show is open to all performers who have a connection to Garner.

Space is limited, and the registration deadline is Nov. 11. The auditions are for the annual Showcase of Talent to be held on March 1 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Auditions are for vocal talent, dancers, instrumentalists, dramatists, storytellers and comedians. Performers may try out as an individual or a group. Each act must fill out a separate registration form.

Musical talent should prepare one song with a maximum time of two minutes. Performers must provide their own pre-recorded music or accompaniment. A sound system will be provided including microphones,



The Garner Showcase of Talent always draws a great diversity of performers.

microphone stands, stage monitor and direct box for instrumental tie-ins. A piano will also be available.

Please note that performers will try out in the order of check-in on

the day of the audition.

To get an audition registration form, or for more information, visit [garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://garnerperformingartscenter.com) or call (919) 661-4602.



Follow Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources on Twitter (@GarnerPRCR) and Facebook.



## A Friendly Reminder

Recent visitors to Town of Garner parks may have noticed signs offering a reminder of the Town ordinance requiring pets to be leashed at all times while on Town property. Visitors are also required to clean up all pet waste.

## Town Snags Honors Again for CAFR

The Town of Garner's Finance Department has again earned recognition for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition for achievement in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and the Town's Finance Department has earned it for over 20 consecutive years.

Marcey Hubbell, the Town's purchasing manager, was singled out for her work on the report. The award is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.